

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing AB 2470 in recognition of the exceptional challenges currently facing the Los Angeles County health care delivery system and to encourage the county to develop a comprehensive, long-term plan for the County's health care system.

Los Angeles is home to California's largest uninsured population. The County's health care system faces considerable pressures to maintain access to essential services in both its public and private health care institutions. Issues of quality care have also been a problem, as seen most notably at the Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center. The breadth of these challenges underscores the need for Los Angeles to develop a comprehensive health care plan. AB 2470 would, subject to LA County Board approval, require the County to convene a taskforce to develop a long-term health plan. Such a plan will provide a useful mechanism for Los Angeles County to better understand its health care financing and delivery challenge and help identify creative and innovative public/private sector strategies to preserve community access to quality essential services.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger